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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Robert K. Rowe et al.

Application No.: 09/832,534

Filed: April 11, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD OF
BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION OR
VERIFICATION OF INDIVIDUALS
USING OPTICAL SPECTROSCOPY

Examiner: Werner, Brian P.

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 18, 2002 (paper no. 14), please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: